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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to make an apology. I have been very busy this year. We attended the Vancouver Olympics for one hectic day in February. As usual I volunteered at the annual Aggie Day exhibition put on by the Calgary Stampede where we introduce agriculture life and animals to school children. Attendance was down this year due in part to conflict with a Teacher's day in the Calgary schools. My wife and I also set up at the Edmonton Wild Rose antique sale over the Easter weekend where we attempted to sell some of our duplicates and also looked for other treasures As a result of these and other activities, I have not had a chance to work on the membership receipts and cards. The cards and receipts should be completed shortly, and will be distributed as indicated below.

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Speaking of the Edmonton Wild Rose Antique Show and acquisitions I had a very successful show. I acquired a bag of around 25 woods issued by Jim Smith of Likely B.C. This is quite rare to find so many woods at one time so I consider it quite a success. Otherwise I found a few woods and some tokens which contributed to a successful show.

I would like to remind you that It is not too soon to start making reservation for the annual C.N.A. convention this July in St. John, N..B I encourage you to attend this outstanding show and to plan to attend our annual C.A.W.M.C. breakfast meeting on the Saturday of the convention. Because of changes to the convention schedule over the last few years Saturday breakfast became a possibility and the membership in attendance at last years meeting approved the change of dates to the Saturday. This event will be a great opportunity to meet fellow collectors and do some friendly trading. If you plan on issuing a "wood" for this convention please order them shortly to give the manufacturers sufficient time to produce your order for you. Also please plan on bringing some extra wood for our friendly auction after the meeting.

Our annual meeting is an opportunity to honour members who have put forth extraordinary effort to support our hobby. If you would like to nominate someone as a potential recipient of an award please advise me at one of the contact points shown above.

Good luck in your collecting activities.

PAST PRESIDENTS:
Garry Braunwarth: 1975 - 1977

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Stanley Clute: 1981 - 1983

Neil Probert: 1983 – 1985

Norm Belsten: 1985 – 1991

Pat White: 1991 – 1995 *

Lou Vesh: 1995 – 2001

Earl Salterio: 2001 – 2003 *

Norm Belsten: 2003 - 2005

(* Deceased)

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

See Lou Vesh article on page three

Canadian Wooden Money Catalogue Supplement # 11

The new supplement is now available on disk or by email. For those that want a printed copy you have until June 1 to advise me as I will only print one for those that have ordered one as other years I have had a lot left over. There are changes to the listing of towns, issuers, etc. so I recommend that you print out all pages. In doing the colour Cat. we have found a lot of errors and missing information so I have included a file with the changes for those who merge the supp, the complete listing has the changes in it.
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Sometimes when you least expect it you come across a wood you need or if you are really lucky one that is not listed. While attending the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention in Kingston Ontario I was fortunate to do both. The unlisted woods shown below are both black both sides. The first one is from Belleville, Ontario, the second from Clarkes Corners and issued in 1976. I am still researching the second wood to see where to list it.

Norm Belsten lm C45

MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH.....by Lou Vesh

THE CONCEPT of "a hobby for all seasons" sounded like a good idea to me, since collecting wooden money *is* certainly a year round hobby. Matching up the colours of the leaves with the seasons, however, presented a problem. Maple leaves are green in summer, and both red and yellow in the fall. But how do I portray the little undeveloped buds of spring? And what about winter, when maple trees have no leaves at all! So I compromised by simply selecting 4 colours that contrasted nicely and appeared to divide a time period into four parts.

The colours are brushed on, using acrylic paints, with a single coat of varnish for protection. Total issue is 200. A quantity has been donated for this month's "wood of the month".

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Forgot the Year, Forgot the Place, Never Forgot the Feeling

Sometime in the mid eighties, I did the "wifely" thing and accompanied my husband in one of "his" coin conventions. Bill tried so hard to get me interested that he took the time to tour the displays with me and to demonstrate the numerous areas of interest relating to the hobby. We came across a large display of spruce dollar money. Frankly I was fascinated. As we admired the display, somebody approached us to explain and talk about the club. What, there is a club for people who collect pieces of wood!? Somehow I ended up making a commitment to attend the breakfast on Sunday morning.

So on Sunday, I entered a room where I could only recognize a few faces seen the day before. A nice gentleman, a fantastic welcome committee all by himself, Norman Wells, was kind enough to come and greet me. I remember vaguely saying my name, and that I was joining the group. Norman, towering over me, pointed his finger down to the top of my head and yelled: "HEY, Joe (or whoever he was talking to), NEW MEMBER! I think half the room turned to look at me then. Those who know me personally know that I am far from shy but then I just wanted to disappear. Somehow, I survived and became a long time friend with many people whom I met at that time.

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I sat at a table with friendly people and the meeting went on. Then another gentleman, whom I later could identify as John Regitko, presented what I remember being an at least ten minutes long rant about something that must have been collection related. This was one of the most hilarious thing I heard in my life! And I remember thinking: “Those people are completely nuts! I love it!”

So I was a member of the CAWMC for a few years, then left when my attention turned mostly to raising our boys, Michael and Gabriel, who also attended their fair share of conventions and who to this day seem to enjoy receiving one of Mom's woods. Do they think I am completely sane? May be not but they love me anyway.

I rejoined CAWMC about 4 years ago and I still enjoy playing with my woods. I find that collecting and playing with my stuff is a good stress reliever that takes me away from the turbulence of earning a living as a tax auditor. And to be honest, to this day, I find that woods are as or more fascinating than any paper money or other collectibles you can put under my nose. I guess I am right where I belong!

France D. Waychison

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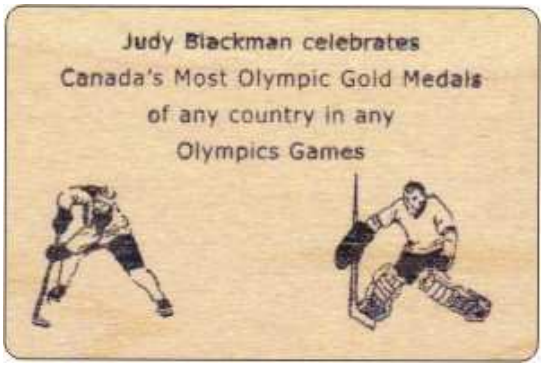
Future free wood of the month donated by Judy Blackman. The wood is to commemorate the Canadian Winter Olympic achievements by Canada’s athletes 1n 2010 in Vancouver. As you see on the wood it is related to the medals Canadians won at the games. The wood is black both sides and done on a three layer plywood.



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Next year is the 30th Anniversary of the Southern Ontario Chapter of Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, my how time flies. During those years we held monthly meetings at various locations, Hosted the 1996 ONA convention in Toronto, as well as held meetings at most ONA conventions. In 1981 we held a show at the Holiday Inn Yorkdale, and three all wood conventions in Niagara Falls 1988, 1990, and 1993. The chapter was formed in 1981 by several CAWMC members from the Toronto area, Norm Belsten, Russ Brown, John Curtis, Albert Kasman, Don Robb, and Norm Wells.

We also issued several woods over the years and had two different logos as shown above and I am sure we will be issuing more for out 30th.

Norm Belsten LM C45

WOODS ISSUED FOR THE 2010 ONA CONVENTION

COMMON OBVERSE NEXT THREE WOODS

BLUE BLUE RED SILVER

COMMON OBVERSE FOR NEXT TWO WOODS

RED RED BLUE

BLACK RED GREEN GREEN

THE LAST WOOD HANDED OUT AT DIFFERENT CANADIAN TIRE COUPON COLLECTORS CLUB MEETINGS DURING 2010. ALL ABOVE WOODS HOT STAMPED AND ARE 38MM IN DIAMETER .

RED RED

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Southern Ontario Chapter of Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors

We held a meeting at the Ontario Numismatic Association convention held in Kingston Ontario April 17th. About 15 members were in attendance and many woods were passed around, some new some old. I had a great time at the convention and was able to add a few old woods to my collection and also acquire some that we have yet to identify, hopefully they are Canadian. I look forward to seeing many of those in attendance again at the next Royal Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Saint John NB in July.

Norman Belsten LM C45

North York Coin Club 50th Anniversary Woods

Different colours
Common
Obverse

Gold Gold
Henry
Nienhuis

Gold Multi
North York
Coin Club

Green Green
Paul
Petch

Red Red
Norm
Belsten

The 50th Anniversary meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday February 23, 2010 at Edithvale Community Centre. Four woods were given out to everyone who attended this meeting. I would like to thank the members who issued these woods for giving me the information for this article.

The common obverse was designed by Paul Petch using the club's logo and adding 1960-2010. The die is available for no charge from Norm Belsten if members want to make their own wood to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club.

Henry Nienhuis wood: This is Henry's first wood released which is gold foil stamped both sides and in a quantity of 100 woods. Henry designed the reverse side of his wood and it consists of a Lion Rampant (shown on many of the coins that Henry collects), 3 firework burst, the right most has a 50 for the 50th anniversary. Henry is currently the secretary of the NYCC and has membership # 533. He will give his woods out to fellow collectors at up coming meetings and shows.

North York Coin Club wood: Gold foil stamped on the obverse and fireworks on the reverse side with "50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION" curved along the bottom. Extra woods will be given out at the Anniversary Banquet (marked banquet on them) and the rest will be one of the free Timber Talk monthly woods.

Paul Petch wood: The wood is green foil stamped two sides with 100 woods issued. Paul is the current editor of the club and Life Member #8. He will give out his wood at the up coming O.N.A. convention in Kingston.

Norm Belsten wood: The wood is red foil stamped 2 sides with a quantity of 100 and advertises that Norm is a collector of Canadian Wooden Money and Canadian Tire Money and coupons. His e mail address is curved along the bottom.

The 50th anniversary committee has been working hard to make this year special to be a member of the NYCC. To raise some funds for the club they are having a Rummage Sale at the Club's meeting location on May 1, 2010 from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. A 50th anniversary medal has been designed but the club needs 100 orders before the medal is struck. There is a banquet planned for June 8, 2010 at Swiss Pick Restaurant with guest speaker Mike Filey. More details at club web site: www.northyorkcoinclub.ca

Submitted by
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